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1. General Information

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Accordingly, I am enclosing a brief memorandum of the results of our survey of yesterday. I call particular attention to the disturbing evidence of the continued assembly of the IL-28 bombers, in contrast with the affirmative evidence that we have in respect of the dismantling of the missile sites.

In view of the difficulty of finding any adequate alternative to verification on the ground in accordance with Chairman Khrushchev's letter, we take the liberty of suggesting that you communicate to Mr. Mikoyan the urgent importance of Dr. Castro's agreement to permit thorough international verification on the ground that the removal has been completed in a manner consistent with Chairman Khrushchev's agreement.

Sincerely,

Adlai E. Stevenson

His Excellency
Mr. V. V. Kuznetsov,
Permanent Mission of the U.S.S.R.
to the United Nations,
650 Park Avenue,
New York 21, New York.

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On the other hand, there is clear evidence of progressive work on the decorating and assembling of the ICBMs.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KUZNETSOV

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On the other hand, there is clear evidence progressive work on the degrading and assembling of the IL-28's.

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FOL IS LETTER SENT TO KUZNETSOV THIS MORNING:

VERBATIM TEXT:

"IN VIEW OF THE INABILITY THUS FAR TO IMPLEMENT THE GROUND INSPECTION BY AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY IN CUBA TO VERIFY THE DISMANTLING AND REMOVAL OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS FROM CUBA IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED BY CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV AND THE PRESIDENT, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF RESUME FROM TIME TO TIME OF OUR AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF CUBA. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLEMENT OUR INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMOVAL, AT LEAST PENDING SUCH TIME AS AN INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION ON THE GROUND CAN TAKE PLACE.

"ACCORDINGLY, I AM ENCLOSING A BRIEF MEMORANDUM OF THE RESULTS OF OUR SURVEY OF YESTERDAY. I CALL PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE DISTURBING EVIDENCE OF THE CONTINUED ASSEMBLY OF THE IL-28 BOMBERS, IN CONTRAST WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN RESPECT OF THE DISMANTLING OF THE MISSILE SITES.

"IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTY OF FINDING ANY ADEQUATE ALTERNATIVE TO VERIFICATION ON THE GROUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV'S LETTER, WE TAKE THE LIBERTY OF SUGGESTING THAT YOU COMMUNICATE TO MR. MIKOYAN THE URGENT IMPORTANCE OF DR. CASTRO'S AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THOROUGH INTERNATIONAL VERIFICATION

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ON THE GROUND THAT THE REMOVAL HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN A MANNER
CONSISTENT WITH CHAIRMAN KHRUSHCHEV'S AGREEMENT." (SIGNED)
ADLAI E. STEVENSON

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KUZNETSOV

"THE ANALYSES OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE CONDUCTED BY
US YESTERDAY OVER THE CUBAN MISSILE SITES SHOWS DEFINITIVE
EVIDENCE OF DISMANTLING OF THE SITES AND REMOVAL OF MISSILES
AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM THE AREA. DESTINATION OF THE
EQUIPMENT IS AS YET NOT APPARENT.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF PROGRESSIVE
WORK ON THE DECRATING AND ASSEMBLING OF THE IL-28'S."

END VERBATIM TEXT

STEVENSON

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